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Dear parent/guardian,

We are disappointed to learn about a racist video that was recorded by a student from Lord Byng Secondary School, which was subsequently shared online. This type of behaviour is unacceptable and not tolerated. We take this very seriously and have involved the police in the matter.

The school immediately initiated a multidisciplinary violence threat risk assessment to assess the student's behaviour and impact on the community. We have been provided valuable guidance by provincial student safety experts as we ensure the emotional health and safety of all students and staff in our school.

Currently, we are working with the student involved, the family, the police, and school district staff and are implementing the appropriate level of disciplinary and restorative actions.

Lord Byng is guided by [it's own](#) and the Vancouver School District's [codes of conduct](#). We are committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, safe, inclusive, equitable, and welcoming school environments. Our schools welcome all students, regardless of race, colour, religion, sexual orientation and diverse needs.

I addressed the students and staff in the school this afternoon to provide information on what has happened and to acknowledge the range of emotions currently being experienced by the school community. I want to reassure you that school staff are working hard to support our students and the community as we work through this troubling incident together.

Regards,

Geoff Taylor
Principal